

## EXPLOSION OF GASOLINE TANK CARS

Kill Six Instantly and Horribly Mangle Many More—Supt. Hamilton Is Among the Dead.

### FREIGHT STRUCK THE TANKS

Causing Them to Burn and Afterwards Others Exploded—Flesh Found in Every Direction.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 4.—Six prominent railway men were instantly killed and between twenty-five and thirty-five persons were terribly injured by the explosion of several gasoline tank cars in the yards of the Ohio River railroad here to-day.

At 5:30 a. m. a yard engine was passing down with a train running at a good rate of speed toward the lower end of the yard. On nearing the shops, a switch was discovered open. Before the train could be stopped the engine struck a train of gasoline tanks.

Several officials of the road happened to be here and as is usual in an accident of the kind, they fired a cannon shot at the remaining tanks of oil in order to let the fluid out.

Instantly after the shot had hit the tank, it exploded.

Horrible Sight Greeted the Hundreds. Smoke rose in a dense mass. After it cleared away, a most horrible sight greeted the hundreds of people who rushed to the scene.

Everywhere were to be seen chunks of human flesh.

Dead bodies were scattered here and there; injured were lying all over the surrounding territory.

The dead:

J. H. HAMILTON, general superintendent.

CHARLES MOHLER, yard master.

BADLEY REEVES, engineer.

EDWARD SHANNON, telegrapher.

YARDMASTER CARR.

MASTER MECHANIC LALIME.

GEORGE CHALK, fireman.

Between twenty-five and thirty-five injured were lying helpless about under the mass of debris. They were removed rapidly as possible to the city hospital.

Many of the injured were suffering internally from the concussion of the explosion, while others were frightfully mangled by flying bits of iron and wood.

Twenty Injured and One Missing.

Up to noon twenty-two persons were reported injured and one missing.

Missing: Charles Cooper.

Injured:

GEORGE HUFF, will die.

D. MOORE, will die.

MRS. JOHN ANSBERRY.

A. EISENHOUR.

DONEY CHEUVRON.

MRS. JACK MPARLAN.

LEE MPARLAN.

FRANK MPARLAN.

EAL SAMUELS.

JOHN RAWSON.

WILFRIED MOORE.

MRS. E. P. NELSON and baby.

GEORGE COLEMAN.

WILLIAM GATHILL.

WESLEY AUMILLER.

JIM SHIELDS.

JIM BARRINGER.

### OLD FASHIONED FOURTH

Celebrated in Martinsburg—Thousands of Visitors Present—Sham Battle a Feature—Towns Thrown "Wide Open."

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. MARTINSBURG, W. Va., July 4.—Martinsburg celebrated the Fourth in an old fashioned and most patriotic manner to-day. Everything was conducted on the "wide open" plan. Every building in the city, both public and private, were profusely decorated, with bunting, flags, and other gay and striking colors. Every train brought hundreds of people and many of them from a distance. It is estimated that there were from 15,000 to 20,000 persons in the city, and all of them non-residents.

In the morning there were several contests for attractive prizes. First, reel race, for a prize of \$75, in which Frederick and Friendship Company No. 1, of Winchester, took part. The former won, time 42 seconds.

Second, hook and ladder race, prize \$50; contestants Waynesboro and Frederick. The former won.

Largest Number of Uniformed Men. Third, prize of \$40 for the largest number of uniformed men in line was awarded to Waynesboro. Fourth, prize of \$10 for best decorated carriage, was awarded to Miss Sallie Faulkner. Fifth, second best prize of \$10, to Miss Fannie Wien.

In the afternoon there was a parade of the various visiting organizations, including a beautiful display. The procession was over two miles long, and was headed by ex-Senator Faulkner, as chief marshal. The day closed with a contest between the visiting bands. A sham battle between the order of Red Men and Company E, First Regiment, West Virginia National Guards, and a magnificent display of fire works, ended the exercises.

CROQUET SETS. JASON C. STAMP, Peabody Building.

State Shortland Association. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 4.—The court stenographers of this state formed an association here this afternoon, to be known as "The West Virginia Short-Hand Association." The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Louis E. Schrader, Wheeling; vice president, John T. Harris, Parkersburg; secretary, J. G. Hughes, Parkersburg; treasurer, Miss L. Laham, Buckhannon. None but court stenographers or teachers of shorthand are eligible to membership.

DRIVERS. Clerks, Callers, and Irons, Machines, Driving Irons, Putters, Golf Balls, Tees, Caddy Bags, everything for golfers, at JASON C. STAMP'S, Peabody Building.

## BRYAN NOT NOMINATED.

(Continued from First Page.)

The Democrats assembled in Tammany Hall, celebrating the 124th anniversary of the declaration of independence. The dispatch was signed by Thomas L. Fitch, grand secheim of Tammany Hall.

Adjourned Until 8:30.

The reading of the telegram was received with tremendous applause, the New York delegation leading in the demonstration.

Chairman Thomas announced that the committee on credentials was not yet ready to report.

Instead of following the programme that previously had been arranged and proceeding at once to the other business of the convention, Josephus Daniels, of North Carolina, was recognized by the chairman for a motion to adjourn until 8:30 o'clock to-night.

Amid considerable confusion, Chairman Thomas at 4:51 p. m., declared the motion carried.

The scene presented at the night session of the convention was one of brilliancy and beauty. The vast auditorium was splendidly illuminated by great arc lights that gleamed from disc areas around the hall like huge balls.

The color scene presented among the innumerable lights was of unsurpassed beauty. From every available point in the immense steel superstructure, fountains of the national colors were flustering gaily in the delightful breeze, that swept through the hall from the south, tempering pleasantly the heat of the night.

Thousands of Spectators.

Banked in the commodious galleries which rise in tiers from the space reserved for delegates and alternates, were thousands of spectators, the cool attire of the men making a pretty but not sharp contrast with the more brilliant costumes of the ladies. It was notable that nearly every male spectator was in his shirt sleeves and the part-colored display of outing shirts was a spectacle seldom witnessed anywhere on a scale so vast.

The incessant waving of fans, many of them of bright colors, gave an observer the impression of thousands of butterflies hovering over the audience. The constant shuffling of feet and continuous hum of conversation sounded like the roar of surf breaking upon a rocky coast. Nearly an hour before the convention was called to order the spectators seats were filled. Hundreds of persons indeed had remained in the hall from the afternoon session.

As the delegates slowly assembled the people in the great amphitheatre accorded the leaders one after another cordial receptions.

Far up in the gallery next to the roof—the gallery that overhangs the main auditorium, an ellipse of faces peered down upon the scene below, presenting a curious picture.

Audience Thoroughly Good-Natured.

The audience was thoroughly good-natured. It was enjoying itself in a way perhaps it never before had enjoyed itself.

At 8:30 Chairman Thomas rapped the convention to order, although considerably less than two-thirds of the delegates had arrived. There was considerable expectancy over the arrival of Senator Hill, but he failed to put in an appearance.

Notwithstanding the small number of delegates present, it seemed to require for them a wholly disproportionate amount of time to come to order as compared with the two preceding sessions.

Pounding vigorously with his gavel and his efforts in this direction being ably supplemented by Sergeant-at-Arms Martin, who rapped a table so hard that he winced at every blow as though it had landed upon his own fingers, Chairman Thomas at last succeeded in reducing the convention to such a state of quietude that his voice could be heard a hundred feet away.

"The convention will now come to order," he shouted, with a violence that threatened an apoplectic seizure, "and pending the coming reports of the committees, the convention will listen to an address from ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois."

Faint Applause for Altgeld.

There was still too much confusion for the name of the speaker to be intelligible at any distance, and there was only a mild ripple of applause as Governor Altgeld mounted the rostrum. Again by the vigorous use of his gavel Chairman Thomas gained largely upon the noise, and then he again commenced "The convention will now be addressed by ex-Governor Altgeld, of Illinois."

"This time his voice carried and the announcement was greeted with applause. Just as Governor Altgeld began to speak, the tall form of Congressman Sulzer came talking through the aisle. It was his first appearance upon the floor, and although the recipient of no applause, he was cordially greeted by many of the delegates as he passed them. When he reached the Iowa delegation, seated directly in the rear of New York, they came to Sulzer's row to shake hands with him and instantly there was a group around the tall New Yorker, all shaking hands with him and patting him on the shoulder. From the New York delegation, however, Mr. Sulzer received no recognition, no handshakes, no smile. He took apparently a little interest in New York as New York evinced in him, and although he nodded familiarly to several of the delegates, he spent no time with them.

Howl of Delight at Mention of Hanna.

During the early portion of Governor Altgeld's address the hum of conversation in the galleries and among the delegates was so loud that not much of what he said was audible, except to those close to him. The name of Mark Hanna, uttered in accents which did not imply approval, was the first thing the crowd at large caught and although not many knew just what the misdeed had been, or whether it had hit the mark, there was a howl of delight.

His prognostications of Democratic success next fall were the signal for another vocal spasm and when he declared that if the Democrats of the country had not sufficient confidence in their delegates to entrust the cause of Democracy to them, they would not have sent them here to nominate a candidate for the presidency. This coming from a man of Mr. Altgeld's well known attitude upon the silver question was taken by the 16 to 1 advocates as a direct championship of their cause and they were on their feet in an instant shouting and waving hats and handkerchiefs with the greatest enthusiasm. So loud was the cheering that the speaker was compelled to suspend his remarks until the uproar had subsided. It came again in a minute, however, when he declared that any modification of the Chicago platform would place the Democratic party in a ridiculous position before the American people. Again his voice was drowned for a few minutes, while the advocates of 16 to 1 voiced their approval in cheers audible beyond the walls.

Touched Off a Mine.

The anti-16 to 1 people, took their linings in another minute, when he spoke favorably of the ratio of 16 to 1 and there were loud cries of "no, no."

The speaker unwittingly touched off a mine by using the expression in discussing the attitude of certain Democrats toward the silver question, "now my friend Hill." That was as far as he got for several minutes. The name of Hill again started the uproar that had marked the first session of the convention. From all sides of the hall and particularly from the southern delegates, came loud cries of "Hill, Hill," mingled with the calls for the New Yorker came hisses in plenty and despite the vigorous use of the gavel, all semblance of order was lost and nothing could be heard save the calls of "Hill," and the disapproving hisses.

The band in the gallery struck up a lively air, but as soon as it subsided the uproar was as great as ever, the California delegation being prominent in calling for Senator Hill. It was not possible for Governor Altgeld to continue immediately and as the committee on rules declared itself ready to report, Governor Altgeld discontinued his address and left the platform.

The report of the committee on rules was read and adopted.

### LEAN TO STEVENSON.

Cleveland's Old Running Mate May Again Be Placed on the Ticket. His Will Not Be a Candidate on a Bryan Platform.

KANSAS CITY, July 4.—Very little that was tangible developed in the vice presidential situation to-night, although the Stevenson candidacy apparently met with favor and there seemed to be a possibility of this being the solution of the question. The determination of the Indiana delegation to put Shively in the field, caused a little diversion during a part of the day, but Mr. Shively distinctly stated this evening that he was not a candidate and would not be. As to the action of the Indiana delegation he said that after what had been told them, there was no reason for the belief that he would be a candidate. Friends of Stevenson said that they would have been perfectly willing a short time ago to have supported Shively, who would not be a candidate, and they now felt they should stand by Stevenson.

Be Stampeded to Hill.

The demonstration made over Hill in the convention to-day was taken by some to mean that the convention would be stampeded for him, but Hill does not think so and it is impossible for him to make a speech on the platform, he will make it plain that he could not be a candidate on a Bryan platform.

He says emphatically that he will not be nominated.

The other booms remain in much the same condition they were yesterday. Both Towne and Sulzer are in the race, though the convention does not seem inclined to favor them. The Towne men claim they have the support of Bryan and that if 16 to 1 is put in the platform their man will be the logical candidate.

The New York men say that the action yesterday for John W. Keller is in earnest and that they will try to secure his nomination. To-night the vice presidency is in doubt with a leaning toward Stevenson.

ROOSEVELT STARTS HOME.

Greeted at Every Station by Large Assemblages of Admirers.

ANTHONY, Kans., July 4.—Governor Roosevelt's special train reached here at 8 o'clock and the governor addressed a good sized crowd at the station, referring particularly to the fact that this was the morning of independence day.

The night trip from Oklahoma City was made without special incident of any character. About two miles south of Oklahoma City the train was halted early in the morning so that the governor and his party might take breakfast quietly.

It is expected that the train will reach St. Joe, Mo., at 7:30 this evening and Chicago to-morrow night.

Shocked at News from China.

HUTCHINSON, Kans., July 4.—Governor Roosevelt was shocked and distressed at the report, "I wonder," he remarked, "if the anti-expansionists would like to make the Philippines into that kind of a country."

Populist State Ticket.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., July 4.—The Populists to-day nominated the following state ticket: Governor, H. T. Houston, of Monroe county; auditor, W. C. Rabeich, of Wood county; attorney general, to be filled by state executive committee; state treasurer, John Brennan, of Hampshire county; state superintendent of schools, F. E. Ashburn, of Doddridge county; supreme judge, Col. J. W. Davis, of Greenbrier county; electors, J. V. Giespele, Dr. S. Davis, Dr. T. Johnson, Edgar Loy, S. H. Hutchinson and A. B. Thorn.

Weather Forecast for To-day.

WASHINGTON, July 4.—For West Virginia: Partly cloudy Thursday and Friday; southerly winds.

For Western Pennsylvania: Generally fair Thursday; possibly showers and cooler Friday; fresh westerly winds.

For Ohio: Fair and continued warm on Thursday; possibly thunder storms in the afternoon; cloudy Friday; fresh northerly winds.

## 4,000 PEOPLE CELEBRATE AT ST. CLAIRSVILLE.

An Old-Fashioned Observance of the Glorious Fourth That Was Greatly Enjoyed.

### MAN HURT IN SHAM BATTLE

But Not Fatally—Base Ball, Horse Racing and Other Sports Enjoyed by the Crowd.

It was a glorious Fourth for the throng that gathered at St. Clairsville yesterday, notwithstanding the rain, and in the afternoon between three and four thousand people were congregated on the fair grounds. It was a grand picnic occasion for all the country round about and in the afternoon they poured into the county-seat town, while the fraternal rally feature had taken hundreds from the river towns in the morning. Some went before the rain, some during the rain, all hoping for the brighter, better day that followed.

The Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling trains on the short line road were not able to handle the crowds, and one train of five coaches was so packed at Bellaire, still leaving hundreds there, that it did not stop at Bridgeport at all. But shortly after noon most of the river front folks had gotten to the hill-top celebration and it proved to be a grand success. Every feature of the programme was carried out, save the splendor of the parade was marred by the rain, and instead of having the magnificent display of Knights of Pythias, Golden Eagles, Company E, of the Seventh Ohio regiment, and the citizens, under the marshaling of Colonel Charlesworth, the orders formed in line, and under command of Capt. Harry Fuhr, marched to the fair grounds, headed by the Arlington band. This served the purpose of attracting the crowd, as the clouds rolled by it kept on swelling until it went beyond the fondest hopes of those interested in the success of this union observance of "the day we celebrate."

Everybody Celebrated.

The court house was like a banquet hall deserted, and all the county officers joined in the celebration, which was an interesting commingling of friends, neighbors and fraternal orders. Everything moved along in perfect order and to the delight of the great crowd, until the sham battle was reached. This feature was given by the company of the Seventh Ohio dividing into armies, each supported by Uniformed Knights of Pythias. They used shells loaded with paper wads, and the din of battle raged fiercely at times, as each side was backed up by young men who had been selected to set off large cannon crackers in the absence of real cannon to increase the roar of battle.

Injured in the Battles.

At the most exciting point in the battle—Walter Fletcher, a young man whose home is in Washington City, but who, with his brother, is engaged at the Bellaire steel works, where he runs one of the electric cranes, met with a deplorable accident. In the excitement he forgot to throw away a cannon cracked which he had lighted, and it exploded in his hand, blowing his right hand completely off at the wrist and burning several flesh holes in his breast. This cast a gloom over the balance of the celebration. The young man was kindly cared for by the valiant Knights, and Dr. S. L. West dressed the wounds and made the unfortunate young man as comfortable as possible at the home of Harry Merritt until he is able to be moved to his home.

Judge J. W. Hollingsworth delivered a fitting and eloquent address of welcome to those who had gathered in the historic old town to commemorate American Independence and in language characteristic of the dignified gentleman, he made them feel at home in rejoicing in their own becoming way the occasion that set apart this particular day for such celebration. The response by George Cook was eloquent and timely in every sense and was an apt touch of the patriotism that prompted these annual celebrations.

Following these opening speeches came the address of the occasion by Hon. John M. Cook, of Steubenville. It was replete with patriotic sentiment, touched upon the usefulness of fraternal organization, and giving thoughtful consideration to the proper observance of the glorious Fourth. Mr. Cook's address served the purpose well and stirred the patriotic feeling of his large audience to the point of giving cheerful vent to the latent feeling that breaks out upon such occasions as this, and after hearty cheers to the speaker, the sports of the day began.

The Sports.

The horse race was won by Ensign, owned by John L. Moore, of Wheeling Island, Duke second.

The base ball game was won by the Doyle club, of McMechen, by a score of 5 to 4, against the Doughertys, of Martin's Ferry.

The potato race was won by Ed. Lucas, against four competitors.

The wheelbarrow race was won by Fred Harris against four competitors.

The bicycle race with W. E. Doyle, Charles Reed, William McMechen, Thoburn McKelvey and Earl Scatterday as starters, was won by Doyle, with McMechen and McKelvey second and third respectively. A colored man's race with three starters and one prize was won by Edward Lucas.

A well greased pig was turned loose as a prize for the fellow who could catch it, and Frank Brown, a colored man, succeeded in picking up the porker.

Here followed an exhibition drill of the Uniformed Rank, Knights of Pythias, and they made a splendid showing of the whole crowd.

Next came the sham battle and as half the people had never witnessed such an exhibition they gathered inside the circle of the track. The smoke of battle was dense at times and every moment of the skirmish lines was watched with interest.

It was a great day and everybody enjoyed it, barring the accident noted. The prizes were awarded following each event by Frank A. Jackson, who was secretary-treasurer for the occasion. The orders had increased \$7 or \$8 expense, but were made more than whole by the splendid turn out, the admissions alone yielding about enough cash.

The train facilities for returning home were inadequate and hundreds of people were resting upon the grassy fields of St. Clairsville at 8 o'clock last night. But they had had a good time while the fun lasted.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Going and Coming of Wheeling People and Visitors.

Okey Johnson, of Morgantown, is in the city.

John H. Heehner, of Grafton, is at the Windsor.

Matthias Brown, of Morgantown, is at the Grand Central.

P. L. Smith, of Sistersville, is registered at the Windsor.

T. C. Hornbrook, of Parkersburg, is registered at the Stamm.

Mrs. L. McCarty, of Sistersville, is visiting friends in the city.

J. W. Kaufman, of New Martinsville, is a new arrival at the McLure.

F. H. Martin, of Pennsboro, was a business caller in the city yesterday.

J. Garby and wife, of Clarksburg, were calling on friends in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Harvey Carmack and son are spending two weeks with friends in Cleveland.

Misses Anna Ogle and Minnie Blush, of Cameron, were the guests of friends in the city yesterday.

Misses Sophia Smith and Blanche Tucker, of Fairmont, were calling on friends in the city yesterday.

Dr. J. E. Honey, a prominent young dentist of West Alexander, was in the city calling on friends yesterday.

C. H. Waggener, J. C. Hall, J. D. Wilson and Samuel Butcher, of Fairmont, were at the McLure yesterday.

Will Shively, of the Island, has returned from Cambridge, Ohio, after a visit of several days with friends.

Mrs. C. H. McDonald, W. A. Matthews and wife, and A. C. Todd and wife, of Wellsburg, were calling on friends in the city yesterday.

R. C. Nicholson, W. L. Ritzner, Zena Boord, M. C. Snoderly, F. Cumberlidge and L. A. Bogard, of Fairmont, were photographed at the Park yesterday.

Miss May Morgan and Miss Mary Happinger, of New Castle, Pa., have returned home, after a few days' visit here with Miss May Sheridan, of South Eoff street.

Mrs. Catherine Hammond, of Zane street, Island, left for New York yesterday, accompanied by her son, Isaac, to visit her daughters, Mrs. Bain and Mrs. Osbourne.

The following were the Cameron guests of the Grand Central yesterday: J. C. Crawford, C. H. Carpenter and wife, Mrs. Dr. C. E. Hutchison, Miss Nora Willard and Miss Perella Mendell.

## McFADDEN'S

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